

wherein an amount of oxygen adsorbed on said exhaust gas purifying means, having a function of a three-way light-off catalyst is not greater than about 150 cc per one-liter volume of the catalyst when measured by an oxygen pulse method.

7. The exhaust gas purifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein an oxygen component stored in said exhaust gas purifying means, having a function of a three-way light-off catalyst is not greater than about 25g per one-liter volume of the catalyst.